

Commerce Committee Public Hearing

HB 5577 An Act Requiring The Evaluation Of The Costs and Benefits Of Establishing Certain Commercial Gaming Within The State of Connecticut

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Good afternoon, my name is Sam Agnello and I've enjoyed the past 22 ½ years working at Foxwoods as the Senior Recruiter in our HR/Recruitment Department.

As a life-long resident of Stonington, Ct. just 8 miles from Foxwoods, I was downsized from the Banking Industry in the early 90's around the same time the defense Industry in southeastern Connecticut was going through thousands of layoffs.

I witnessed first-hand, the devastating affect this had on the local area economy. The countless business closings, home foreclosures, car repossessions, and more. I do not want to witness history repeating itself.

Fortunately, after being laid off, I was offered a position at Foxwoods which allowed me to assist in the immediate hiring of hundreds of new employees, who like me, had been previously unemployed. Over the last 22 years it has been my pleasure to hire literally thousands of new employees.

Foxwoods offers a variety of career opportunities from F & B, Culinary, Retail, and Hotel/Hospitality, to Engineering Trades, Gaming, Marketing, and Entertainment.

These positions are real and provide promotion potential to grow one's career.

From a personal standpoint, Foxwoods has afforded my wife and I, the opportunity to raise four children and put them all through college.

In speaking from the heart, and with tremendous respect I have for all of you, I strongly urge your opposition to HB 5577 which will delay efforts to help keep Foxwoods competitive.

Thank you,

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